



City of Wichita

# Wichita Police Department

Monthly Report

January 2006

## Officers complete Taser training



Master and SWAT Commander, is the lead instructor in the Taser training. Assisting with the training are Officer Richard McCluney, Officer Russell Huff and Officer Chad Spain.

Tasers have been deployed in the Field Services Division and are being carried by the Officers who have successfully completed the training.

Deputy Chief Tom Stolz has given several media releases to keep the public informed.



Training on Taser policy and the use of Tasers began on Jan. 17 at the Wichita Police Department.

An initial 32 training sessions have been slated for Field Services personnel. Once those sessions have been completed, training for the detectives will begin.

Lt. Kevin Vaughn, WPD Range

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### Special points of interest:

**The Wichita Police Department has 28 recruits in the January class at the Training Academy.**

## Celebrate Safely campaign a success

The Celebrate Safely Campaign had another successful year in ushering in 2006 when there were no injuries reported in Wichita as a result of celebratory gunfire.

Sgt. Santiago Hungria, Patrol North, worked closely with Council

member Sharon Fearey and other local organizations in organizing and executing the campaign.

More than 40 community volunteers gathered at the Evergreen Neighborhood City Hall on Dec. 29 and kicked off the campaign with a press

conference and a City Proclamation. They then distributed more than 1,700 educational fliers in Patrol North neighborhoods and an additional 700 fliers in the Hilltop and Planeview areas in the Patrol East Bureau.

## Service Officer's initiative helps nab burglar

(by Lt. Joe Schroeder)

On Jan. 19, Officers were dispatched to the report of a burglary that had just occurred.

Service Officer Paula Moorhouse was nearby and positioned her BAT van in the area of Osage and Douglass so she could observe anyone walking in the area.

Service Officer Moorhouse contacted dispatch and informed them that she had observed a possible suspect wearing all dark clothing and wearing a ski cap walking south on Osage from Douglas. She advised that the subject had some sort of satchel over his shoulder, but he was not acting very nervous or concerned about anyone watching him. S.O.

Moorhouse continued to follow the subject and directed Officers into the area.

Officer Joseph Spicuglia and Officer Kevin Dykstra moved into the area and confronted the man who immediately began to toss the property he had on his person. Officers were able to stop him and get him into custody. It was found that he had a pry bar which had been used to force the glass door on the Rutherford Company. He also had numerous pieces of property from the company including several credit cards, cell phones, chargers, PDA, and a lap top computer.

The investigation revealed that the suspect was responsible for

several burglaries in the area.

WPD Burglary Detectives reported that the suspect had recently been released from prison and was considered a "one man crime spree" when he was arrested in 2000. Detectives are hoping to connect up to a dozen burglaries to this suspect.

S.O. Moorhouse knew that there had been numerous thefts and burglaries in the area and set up to assist the officers without being asked to do so. Her actions in this incident resulted in a career criminal being taken off the streets and will have a direct impact on the Department's clearance rate.

## FOP supports LE Memorial

Members of the Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge #5, have long played an active role in the community. We proudly support the efforts and mission of the Law Enforcement Memorial Committee of Sedgwick County, Inc. to design and build a memorial to honor municipal and county law enforcement officers of Sedgwick County, who gave their lives in the performance of their duties.

At this time, the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #5 proudly offers a car magnet ribbon which states, "Support Law Enforcement Memorial of Sedgwick County Kansas" and two limited edition challenge coins depicting the law enforcement memorial. The cost of the car magnet ribbon is \$3 and the challenge coins are \$7 each or \$13 a set. All profits will benefit the Law Enforcement Memorial of Sedgwick County.

If you should require additional information, please contact Officer P.J. Zamorano at 337-9400 [pjzamorano@cox.net](mailto:pjzamorano@cox.net) or Officer D.J. Taylor at 337-9400 [secretary@ksfop5.org](mailto:secretary@ksfop5.org)



### Supports



#### Challenge Coins

**\$7.00** each

**\$13.00** set




1 1/2 inch coin

#### Car Magnets

**\$3.00** each

All Profits Benefit the Law Enforcement Memorial of Sedgwick County





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## Did You Know.....

During the month of January, WPD members received 85 CPRs that were generated internally and 27 that were generated externally.

The Professional Standards Bureau opened seven external complaints on members of the Department during January. There were nine internal complaints filed against Department employees.

In the month of January, Field Services personnel issued 5,157 moving citations and 1,778 parking citations.

In January, the Awards Committee approved 57 awards. Of those, 26 went to Field Services, three to Investigations and three to Support Services. More than half, 56 percent, of the Awards given were for Community Policing projects and 44 percent were for more traditional policing efforts.

Officers Fongvilay Phommachanh, Shannon Tucker, Eric Noack and Chad Cornish conducted a survey on Jan. 11 in the Meadowlark area. The area surveyed included the 4000-4400 block of east Bel-



Chief Williams participated in the ribbon cutting ceremony on Jan. 14 for the new Charles Shoots Fire Station #10, located at 2950 E. 21st St. N.

laire, east Clark and east Kinkaid. Officers went door-to-door, conducting personal interviews. Nearly 70 percent of the residents had no concerns in their neighborhood, and around 10 percent said they are concerned about drug activity. The residents reported they are pleased with the Police Department and are willing to work with others to improve their neighborhood.

Kristie Yeager, Health Department, rode with Officer Courtney Pierce for five hours on Jan. 19,

addressing abandoned vehicles on private property and some health complaints. Pierce and Yeager addressed vehicles and health concerns on properties in the 1400, 1500, 1600 and 1700 blocks of Hydraulic, Kansas, Minneapolis and Minnesota.

Officer Paul Kimble used a day of vacation and volunteered his time to assist in moving Harbor House (the domestic violence shelter) into their new shelter. He moved three truck loads of files, office items, and food to the new shelter, and also assembled several shelving units for the kitchen and basement.

Kevin Robertson, Records Bureau, has taken the lead in scanning all open homicide case documentation on cold cases. Frances Gonzales is assisting, and by the end of January, 31 of the 119 cases were scanned. All of the homicides from 1970 to 1989 have been scanned.

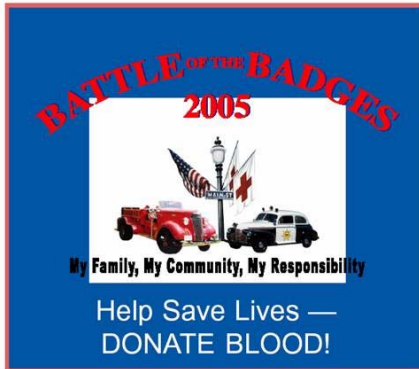
Detectives Wendell Nicholson and Mike Silva administered the physical agility test for 13 applicants, and conducted 52 first contact interviews in January.



Newly hired Security Staff for the City of Wichita spent much of January in training. Pictured left to right are: Debra Miller, Michael Koehn, Kristie Dick, Louis Hazell, Debra Taylor and Paul Schmidt.

The Security Staff completed their training and assisted Municipal Court in staffing Amnesty Week.





**Holiday Donor Days &  
Battle of the Badges**  
Monday, Dec. 11 - Saturday, Dec. 31

27th Annual Holiday Donor Days	Calendar of Events	For a full schedule of events, please call (316) 259-0835. Thank you for sharing your gift of life!
	Dec. 12 Taco Shop Day	Dec. 19 Pig In, Pig Out Day
	Dec. 14 Blackberry Lane Cookie Day	Dec. 21 Massage Day
	Dec. 15 T-95 Gift Wrap Day	Dec. 29 Krispy Kreme Day



## Police win back trophy in the Battle of the Badges

Soundly beating the Fire Department by 161 points, the Wichita Police Department claimed victory in the Battle of the Badges Red Cross Blood Drive in December.

This was the first time in several years that WPD won the competition. Sgt. Jeff Davis, Patrol North, did an outstanding job of coordinating the drive, and the trophy has been displayed at Patrol North, Patrol West and the Training Academy. It will eventually end up in the Office of the Chief of Police where it will be displayed throughout the year.

Many police personnel, along with friends and family donated blood during the holiday season.

## Det. Kevan Lager retires from WPD

After 23 years of service Detective Kevan Lager retired from the Wichita Police Department on Jan. 5 to move to Missouri.

Kevan's retirement also meant he vacated the presidency of the Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge #5.

He had served as an FOP officer for a number of years and will be missed greatly by both the FOP and the Wichita Police Department.



Deputy Chief Lee and Chief Williams wish Detective Lager well in his retirement .

## Sergeant serves on City's Housing Board

(by Lt. Chris Bannister)

In early 2004, Sgt. Alex Robinson recognized the need for members of the community to become involved in the selection of suitable candidates for subsidized housing. He began to inquire about how he could become involved with the City of Wichita's Housing Services Department. His inquiries found their way to Gail Lotson, Chair of the Program Coordination Committee.

Mrs. Lotson invited Sgt. Robinson to sit in on a Board meeting to see if he was interested in participating in the program. Sgt. Robinson expressed his interest and started training through the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Upon completion of his training, he became a member of the Board and has been an active member on the committee for the last two years.

Sgt. Robinson participates in the program during his off-duty

time and specializes in identifying resources for clients to help achieve their goals. These resources include homeownership, domestic violence, life skills, adult education, managing your money and avoiding credit traps.

Additionally, Sgt. Robinson works with the WPD Special Community Action Team Officers to identify gang members who have violated conditions of their Section 8 housing, and follows up to ensure they are removed from public housing.

Sgt. Robinson ultimately became an eviction-hearing officer for the Board. This position requires him to evaluate evidence presented to the Board and then determine if there have been housing violations. If violations are found to have occurred, Sgt. Robinson determines what action should be taken.

This is a very worthwhile project and Sgt. Robinson does this solely on his off-duty time.

## Patrol East studies intersection accidents

During January, Officer Aaron Mattson conducted an assessment of the high accident intersections in Patrol East. This included observing trends in traffic flow patterns, congestion areas, and driver behavior.

Traffic enforcement activities included enforcement with 146 citations being issued on 141 stops. Six DUI arrests were made during the month along with two DRE drug evaluations. The 3<sup>rd</sup> watch team joined together with Lt. Chris Bannister, Sgt. Alex Robinson and Officer Mattson on three separate LIDAR assignments, with Officer Mattson as the LIDAR operator. This resulted in at least 60 or more traffic contacts and citations. Research was conducted including

making statistical comparisons over a five-year period.

In 2005, Kellogg and Rock Road had 59 accidents ranking second as the highest accident intersection in the city. This was a reduction from 61 accidents in 2004, and 69 accidents in 2003. In 2002, 48 accidents were reported.

Education and enforcement action is planned for February to address the problem areas.

Kellogg and Webb and Central and Rock Road were tied with 45 accidents in 2005, making them tied for the 8<sup>th</sup> highest accident intersections in the city for 2005.

Kellogg and Webb showed

an increase in accidents according to statistics with 40 in 2001, 43 in 2002, 42 in 2003 and 45 in 2004. Also of concern is Central and Rock Road, which showed a steady increase in the number of accidents with 50 in 2001, 34 in 2002, 39 in 2003 and 46 in 2004.

Enforcement efforts have made a reduction in accidents in some areas. For example, Harry and Rock Road had 37 accidents in 2005, down from 49 in 2004, 50 in 2003, 54 in 2002, and 45 in 2001.

In 2001, Patrol East had 10 of the high accident intersections; in 2005, it had only six.

## K-9 Unit hits on vehicle and locates 40 lbs of marijuana

Officer Chad Cooper, Kelly the K-9 and Officer David Inkelaar were working a drug interdiction along I-235 on Jan. 14 when they stopped a vehicle at Pawnee and I-235.

The driver's story did not

match up and as Officer Cooper was walking around the car he noticed the rear of the vehicle did not look like real vehicles parts.

Kelly, being the smart dog she is, "hit" on the vehicle. The occupants of the car were from El

Paso, Texas, and 40 pounds of marijuana was found hidden inside the car frame.

The Special Investigations Bureau assisted. Great job by all involved!



Officer Chad Cooper and Kelly  
Patrol South K-9 Unit



Approximately 40 pounds of marijuana was seized by Officer Chad Cooper and his K-9 partner Kelly.

# 2005, a historic and successful year

Congratulations Department members for a fantastic year of accomplishments! The success of the Wichita Police Department in 2005 can be attributed to your professionalism and your dedication to make our Department the best law enforcement organization in Kansas and throughout the United States.

As I have stated on numerous occasions, I am proud of all your efforts to provide quality law enforcement services to our community. You have been, and will continue to be, the heart and soul of this organization and the reason for our success. Another key component of our success has been the great partnerships that we have established with the citizens of Wichita.

As I reflect back on the many accomplishments of 2005, it is clear that those achievements are due to outstanding teamwork and perseverance by each of you. Your commitment, focus, and energy enabled us to achieve the following.

- The BTK investigation, which spanned more than 30 years, culminated with the arrest of Dennis Rader on Feb. 25. On June 27, Rader pled guilty to 10 counts of murder and on Aug. 17 was sentenced to nine consecutive life terms and a hard 40.
- We accomplished more than 95 percent of our established 2005 Department goals. This is a reflection of the Department members' dedication and commitment to provide quality services to our community.
- The new Property and Evidence facility officially opened in June. We now have a safe, se-

cure facility that we can be proud of and that can be expanded in the future.

- City Hall security enhancements were initiated in 2005. There were 17 new positions added: 16 in the Police Department and one in the Public Works Department to provide security 24 hours a day, seven days a week, in City Hall.
- The Department implemented various components of the Comprehensive Gang Plan, which allowed us to proactively address the resurgence of gang violence in our city.
- The Department hired 32 new police officers to fill the Spring and Fall Recruit classes.
- There were 26 commissioned members promoted to the ranks of Captain (3), Lieutenants (4), Sergeants (8) and Detectives (11). In addition, 12 non-commissioned members were promoted to various positions.
- The "Beat Team" concept showed significant progress, which is evident in the number of team awards presented to beat team members. Many Officers were recognized for identifying crime trends and developing successful action plans on their beats that resulted in arrests and crime reductions.
- Through the support of the City Council and City Manager George Kolb, the Police Department was able to purchase new equipment including radios (mobile and portables), mobile computer terminals, tasers, vehicles, video cameras for BAT Vans and visa-bars.
- Major crimes were down nine percent in 2005, and Part 2 Offenses were down one percent. The major crime categories that



**Chief Norman Williams**

did not show a decline in 2005 were aggravated assaults, burglaries and auto thefts.

- Major crimes clearance rates were all above the FBI national average for cities that are a comparable size to Wichita. The 127 percent homicide clearance rate, which included the eight BTK murders, was a significant achievement.
- The City of Wichita finished in the top 10 for large cities for its National Night Out efforts in 2005. Officer Heather Frazier did an outstanding job of coordinating this annual event. Thank you to all the Department members that assisted with the event and coordinated and attended neighborhood parties.
- The Department began the process of neighborhood-basing the Warrant Office operations in 2005. The community-policing model is being employed to accomplish this effort.
- The Law Enforcement Memo

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## Chief Williams: 2005 historic year continued

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rial of Sedgwick County moved into the fund raising phase. Thus far, the Committee has raised around \$100,000 in donations for this worthy endeavor.

- The Department's Youth Initiatives and Programs continued to flourish. Programs such as the Youth Citizens Police Academy grew in attendance; the Plane-view Activity Camp for Kids, Wolfpack Wrestling, as well as our mentoring and tutoring efforts grew when Officers committed work with youth through-



out our community in 2005.

- We had a successful budget year regarding enhancing the Police Department ability to accomplish our mission and core values.
- We rose to the challenge of the January 2005 historic ice storm and provided much appreciated humanitarian and law enforcement assistance to our citizens, thus elevating citizen confidence and respect for the Police Department.
- A third canine unit was added to the Police Department thanks to the Milk-bone Dog company and Dillons, other local businesses and citizens who donated money and services.
- There were several exceptional team-building events that occurred in the Field Services Division, which ranged from Bureau picnics to Grizzly Adventures at Butler County Community College.
- The Police Department members assisted hundreds of families

and thousands of children during the holiday season. Your dedication and commitment to humanitarian efforts are second to none and clearly show your willingness to help our citizens.

- As you can see, you had a banner year. Be proud and know that you contributed to these successes. I know from speaking at different community meetings and events that our citizens have a high level of confidence, respect, support and trust in the members of their Police Department.

Thank you for an outstanding 2005. As we move forward in 2006, let us approach it with Professionalism, Respect, Integrity, Dedication and Excellence (PRIDE).

Sincerely,  
Norman D. Williams  
Chief of Police

## Officer Lang devotes time to youth at YMCA

(by. Sgt. Chris McAuliffe)

For the past three years Officer Matthew Lang has been a volunteer flag football coach at the East YMCA.

In addition to teaching basic football skills, Officer Lang has worked hard to teach teamwork and character building to the boys.

During the season, each week Officer Lang singled out each boy on the team for recognition of exemplary personal performance. Whether they won or lost their football game, Officer Lang pro-

vided a positive response to the boys for their efforts. He routinely involved the parents to provide positive motivation to help the boys perform better each time they played.

Of a team of eight boys, five of the boys have been with Officer Lang's team for three years.

A parent who has two boys on Officer Lang's team said that they stayed with Officer Lang's team because of his positive coaching style. The other parents on the team echoed this sentiment.

Item 14 of WPD's Strategic

Agenda calls for Department members to be involved in youth activities and initiatives. Officer Lang's commitment to youth at the YMCA far exceeds the Department requirement.

Kudos to Officer Lang for his efforts!



Officer Matthew Lang

City of Wichita

**Sgt. Sandy Hungria prepares to be tased. About one third of the Officers have actually been tased during the Taser training.**

**Taser training**



## 153 officers made ultimate sacrifice in 2005

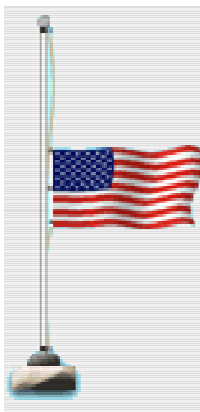
According to preliminary data released in the National Law Enforcement Officer Memorial Fund's annual Fallen Heroes Report, as of Dec. 23, 153 law enforcement officers across the nation died in the line of duty during 2005. This marks a continued downward trend in the number of officers killed over the past 30 years.

California, which lost 17 officers over the past year, had the nation's most line-of-duty fatalities, followed by Texas, with 14, and Georgia, with 10. Nine federal law enforcement officers made the ultimate sacrifice. The annual Fallen Heroes report shows a sharp increase in the number of officers who died as a result of a physical-related incident (i.e., heart attack, heat stroke, etc.): 21 in 2005 versus 11 in 2004.

These preliminary figures for

the year were released jointly by the NLEOMF and the Concerns of Police Survivors (COPS), two nonprofit organizations that track officer deaths.

The leading causes of death in 2005 were shootings (60) and traffic related incidents (62),



which included 41 officers who were killed in automobile accidents, 15 who were struck by vehicles and six who died in motorcycle accidents.

For the second consecutive year and continuing an alarming trend, more officers (62) died in traffic-related accidents (the combination of 41 in auto accidents, six in motorcycle accidents, and 15 offi-

cers struck by vehicles) than from being shot. In 2004, 72 officers died in traffic-related accidents and 57 were shot.

Also during 2005, 21 officers died from job-related illnesses; three fell to their deaths; two drowned; two died in aircraft accidents; one died in a bomb-related incident; one was stabbed to death; and one was hit by a train. Full data from the NLEOMF and COPS "Fallen Heroes Report," including deaths by state, can be obtained at [www.nleomf.com](http://www.nleomf.com).

During the 1970s, more than 220 officers were killed on average each year, making it the deadliest decade in law enforcement history. But during the past decade the officer fatality rate has declined to an average of 162 per year.